

## REMARKS

Claims 1 through 21 are pending in the application.

Reexamination and reconsideration of this application and formal notification of the allowability of the pending claims are earnestly solicited in light of the remarks which follow.

### Election of Group I Without Traverse

The Office Action of January 9 restricts the claims into two groups:

Group I, i.e. Claims 1 through 11, drawn to inventive methods for producing a seamless edible cellulose tubing

and

Group II, i.e. Claims 12 through 21, drawn to inventive devices for producing seamless edible cellulose tubing.

Applicants hereby elect without traverse the claims of Group I, i.e. Claims 1 through 11, directed to methods in accordance with the invention.

### Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that Applicants have made a significant and important contribution to the art, which is neither disclosed nor suggested in the art. It is believed that all of pending Claims 1 through 11 are in condition for immediate allowance. It is requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned if any questions remain to expedite examination of this application.

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It is not believed that fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional fees are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, the fees are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2193.

Respectfully submitted,

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